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TO [redacted] A

DATE: 12 September 1955

FROM : Chief, [redacted] Office

SUBJECT: [redacted] C

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1. In response to [redacted] we wired today as follows: [redacted] contacted 9 September. Material discussed at the [redacted] meeting in April 1955 was mescaline analogues, not LSD which has no derivatives. [redacted] is doing the investigating and has studied over 100 compounds of mescaline." C

2. [redacted] had this additional information which he said he was sure you were aware of: [redacted] either instigated or are associated with [redacted] in this program, which has a grant from the [redacted] The products being used have all been synthesized. They have studied the effects of these drugs and have been working on the relationship between the structure of phenethylamines and their effects on the enzyme activity of the brain with the aim of finding a mescaline analogue which will antagonize the action of mescaline. [redacted] also stated that [redacted] a pharmacologist at the [redacted] is also investigating mescaline analogues. C

3. [redacted] informed me that his investigation of Rivea Corymbosa or Piule is going forward, and he expects to have a report on this in late October. He is most enthusiastic about this research. C

4. When [redacted] was here in April 1955, he told [redacted] that he felt sure he could get a supply of mushroom alkaloids from Amanita Pantherina. If you have a supply available, would you please send it on to this office?

5. Have any steps been taken to get a clearance on [redacted] feels that it would be most helpful in his investigations to have [redacted] "on the team". [redacted] returned to the [redacted] in July 1955 after a two-or-three-year period of loan to the [redacted] Please let me know if you do not have the necessary biographical material for a name check, and I will forward it to you. C

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Dear [redacted]

Attached herewith is a series of questions which I have assembled for consideration by our friends at [redacted] I am not going to put a classification stamp on the pages bearing the questions and the explanatory remarks, but I think you should handle it as though it were "Secret" and annual with the source not disclosed. C

Some of the questions are complex and will require extensive research while others are simply asking for views and opinions. Please tell our friends that the questions concerning research are not in fact requests for research. (At the present time, we cannot finance extensive research along the proposed lines) We are only seeking the opinions and views of highly skilled specialists whose manners and ideas are always extremely valuable. C

Where the question is aimed at one individual (I believe most of them are pointed directly at [redacted] I will indicate on the question. Where the questions stem from my previous conversations, I may follow with an explanatory note. C

As you know, I will not be disappointed if the questions are unanswered as I feel our friends there have already made a considerable contribution to our work and their ideas and proposed tasks have been profitable to us.

I received the return receipt for the seeds and am delighted they arrived intact. I hope the written material will be useful for [redacted] intended study. If there are any questions, write me and I will transfer them to [redacted] who obtains these specimens through his wide net of contacts. C A

You mentioned a trip to Washington in the future and a desire to read my report on the [redacted] trip. Unfortunately, I will probably be in [redacted] from 17 September through 19 October [redacted] I have informed my secretary, [redacted], to make a copy available for your reading while here. As this is an internal security report, I cannot let you have a copy for your files. I know you will understand this. C F A

Best regards and thanks again for the many things you have done for this special type of work.

Sincerely,

[redacted] A

Enclosure